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5. THINGS SEEN AT BORSEC FAIR, AUGUST 20TH

[286] **1. MATERIAL BY THE YARD.**

Cotton : Prints, calicoes, zephyrs, ginghams, men's shirtings.
Wool : Coloured serges, rough grey and brown woollen material (very thick) for men's and women's winter clothing.
Artificial Silk : In plain colours, Crêpe de Chine in plain colours, a very few printed silks.
Lace : Coarse white lace edgings (from Nottingham).

[291] **2. CLOTHING.**

Men's : Trousers, coats, waistcoats, cloth caps, embroidered lambskin waistcoats, braces.
Women's : Knitted and crocheted wool caps and berets, patent leather belts. Printed cotton and artificial silk pieces for head coverings. Ribbons.
Children's : Babies' knitted woollen garments. Modern-style dresses in artificial silk with machine-made embroidery. Socks and stockings of cotton and wool hand-knitted in Roumania. Artificial silk stockings manufactured from yarn imported from Switzerland and France.

[295] **3. BOOTS AND SHOES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**

Field boots and heavy nailed boots for men.
Manufactured boots and shoes for women and children.
Ready-made peasant shoes of leather.
Ready-made peasant shoes of leather with rubber attached to sole.
Ready-made peasant shoes made from old motor tyres.
Shoes of plaited felt of all sizes for women and children.
Shoes of knitted coarse wool with straps.
Pieces of leather of correct size for making the peasant shoes and leather thongs for lacing them.
Leather and mohair laces for using with the manufactured boots and shoes.

[415] **4. POTTERY.**

Large brown glazed earthenware pots only. No other pottery of any kind was seen in the fair.

[295] **5. BASKETS, ETC.**

Hand-made of rushes gathered by the peasants who make them. Some colour introduced into the larger baskets ; strong, neat weaving. Also a few big hats as worn in the fields by the Hungarian peasant women.

344 **6. GREENGROCERY.**

Turnips, potatoes, yellow beans, cabbages, gherkins, carrots, onions, tomatoes, ardei, lemons, apples, pears, Indian corn, water melons, cantaloupes.

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7. CONFECTIONERY, ETC.

Gingerbread (all shapes).

Sweets: Packets of sweets, sweet-stuffs in various shapes. Dolls, ladies, hearts, diamonds, all with rough pieces of mirror inset.

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8. TOYS.

The only toys for children seen were gaily-coloured thin rubber balls (large), also small wooden flutes similar to those used by shepherds.

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9. CARVED WOODEN ARTICLES.

Wooden cigarette-holders; various sizes, some grotesquely large.

Mirrors with flower-borders carved in high relief.

Match-stands, cigarette stands, wooden boxes.

Large pipes (for playing jokes). Powder is secreted in the mouth-piece and is puffed into the face when the pipe is blown.

10. ARTICLES FOR THE HOME.

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Blankets patterned in red and natural wool.

Rug-strips made of pieces of cotton and woollen waste pieces of material.

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Modern cooking tins and saucepans, enamelled dishes and all sorts of "Household Helps," which attracted crowds of peasant women, e.g. egg and tomato slices, vegetable cutters, pastry moulds, etc.

Strainers with wooden frame and wire base, the wire coloured in tartan and other patterns.

Alarm clocks, boot polish in tins, soap, hempen rope and string.

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11. CHEAP JEWELLERY, ETC.

Rings, brooches, neck and watch chains. Necklaces of coloured pearl and glass beads. Spectacles of plain and tinted glass. Jewelled combs for wearing in the hair. Studs, fancy buttons, thimbles, all kinds of plain and fancy pins. Mirrors.

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771 existence of the monastery, which is the seat of a bishop, is due the development of a seminary.

161 THE POPULATION[1] in 1930 was 6,831. In 1931 there were 181
163 births, 24 infant deaths (under one year), 20 still-births, and 125 deaths from all causes. Marriages numbered 61 and divorces 4. The birth-rate is thus high, the infant death-rate considerable, but not so high as might be expected; still-births are numerous.

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BROWN CLAY.
WHITE & GREEN SLIP.

233 [236] devolving on the shepherds is the shearing, which is done twice in the summer, but they are spared the "dipping" regulations, which British shepherds find so irksome. For the rest there is much to be done to keep the flocks healthy and safe from wolves, to look after the dogs, to carry water [517] and cut wood. In rare moments of leisure the shepherd will be found blowing his simple pipe, or singing songs, or carving a stick with his versatile knife, cutting out those ancient geometric patterns which are the common heritage of peasant Europe.

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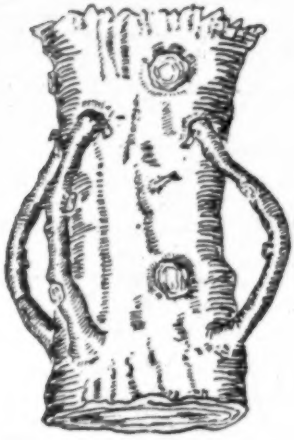
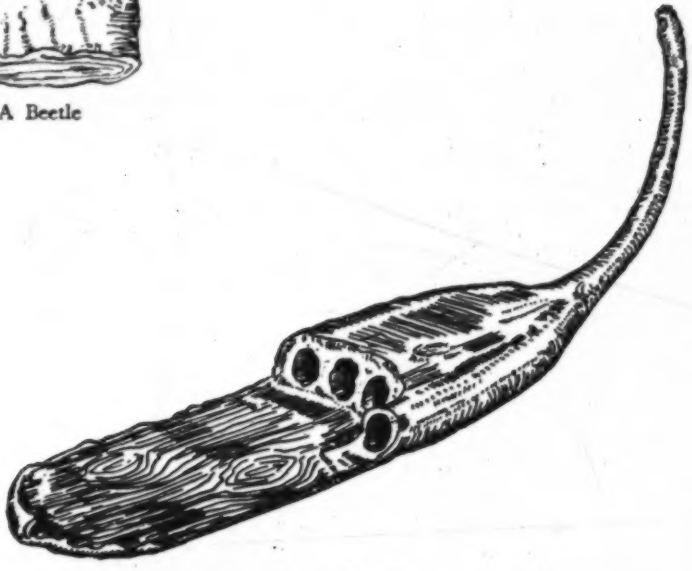


A Beetle



A reaping glove

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PLATE XII

Curtea de Arges. Pots were sold at the local fair. They had been made in the village. Cart for packing and bringing pots shown in background.